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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, IR, PINR
SUBJ: FAIRCHILD CAMERA CORP. POSSIBLE SALE OF INTELLIGENCE
SYSTEM

REF: TEHRAN 6020

1. EMBOFF CALLED GENERAL TOUFANIAN JULY 22 TO REQUEST APPOINTMENT FOR RAFFIO. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY RAFFIO THAT ROUFANIAN WISHED TO SEE RAFFIO AND THAT FAIRCHAILD COMPANY ASKED EMBASSY TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENT FOR PROTOCOL REASONS. EMBOFF SAID HE HAD NO INFORMATION ON PURPOSE OF RAFFIO'S CALL, EXCEPT THAT IT MIGHT RELATE TO SALE OF CAMERAS.

2. TOUFANIAN REPLIED THAT HE OBJECTED TO DEFENSE SALESMEN "RUNNING ALL OVER TOWN" TO SELL THEIR HARDWARE. HE HAD TOLD CHIEF ARMISH/MAAG THAT HE DID NOT WISH TO BUY A SINGLE CAMERA, BUT RATHER A RECONNAISSANCE SYSTEM. FURTHER, HE THOUGHT FAIRCHILD CAMERA MIGHT NOT BE CERTIFIED BY DOD AND GOI WOULD NOT BUY ANYTHING WHICH DOD HAD NOT PURCHASED. PERHAPS FAIRCHILD WAS TRYING TO MAKE A SALE "THOUGH THE BACK DOOR". TOUFANIAN SAID IT WAS HIS PRINCIPLE TO GIVE AN APPOINTMENT TO ANY SALESMAN WHO WISHED TO SEE HIM. FOR THAT REASON HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE RAFFIO.

3. AS IT WAS EMBOFF'S IMPRESSION FROM TOUFANIAN'S REMARKS THAT HE DID NOT WISH EMBASSY TO BE INVOLVED IN DEALINGS WITH FAIRCHILD, EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD ASK RAFFIO TO CALL TOUFANIAN

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DIRECTLY. RAFFIO HAS DONE SO.

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